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Miss Bentley Invited to Join N.O. Police Force

Elizabeth Bentley, former Communist party member and federal bureau of investigation undercover agent, has been asked to help the New Orleans police department in their investigation of communism here.

Guy Banister, assistant superintendent of police, said Sunday he had unofficially invited Miss Bentley to become research analyst for the intelligence and investigation division of the police department.

Banister, contacted by telephone, said that he had extended the "unofficial offer" to Miss Bentley during the recent Easter holidays while she was in New Orleans to visit him. He said they have been close friends since shortly after Miss Bentley testified before the House un-American activities committee in 1948, when she identified the late Harry Dexter White and several other prominent government officials as having Communist affiliations.

No Comment Made

Miss Bentley, who was reached late Sunday night, said that she could not make any definite comment on the proposal unless an official offer or invitation was made by the police department. She also said that she would have to know more about the duties entailed before she would make any definite statement on the matter.

She said that she has not received any definite offer but added that "there may be one in the

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